

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 2/28/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 22,27,30-32,34-59.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 09801515
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Stewart on 5/10/06.

The following claims have been amended as follows:

22. A method of managing processing of video content, the video content including picture data representing picture elements to be rendered for display to a user, and including data conveyed along with the picture data but not representing picture elements to be rendered for display to a user, the method including:

(a) examining the data for copy control data, wherein the data comprises a header;

(b) only if the copy control data is missing, examining the picture data for a steganographic signal; and

(c) if the copy control data is missing, and the steganographic signal is present, then limiting processing of the video content.

26. (canceled).

27. A method of managing processing of video content, the video content including picture data representing picture elements to be rendered for display to a user, and including a first watermark and a second watermark, the method including:

(a) examining the video content for the first watermark to obtain copy control data, wherein the first watermark comprises a header;

(b) examining the picture data for a second watermark, wherein the picture data is examined for the second watermark only when the copy control data is missing; and

(c) if the copy control data is missing, and the second watermark is present, then limiting processing of the video content.

28. (canceled).

29. (canceled).

30. A method of managing processing of video content, the video content including picture data representing picture elements to be rendered for display to a user, where embedded data is conveyed along with the video content, the method including:

(a) examining the embedded data for rights, wherein the rights data is carried by a header;

(b) only if the rights data is missing, examining the embedded data for protect data that is contained within the picture data; and

(c) if the rights data is missing and the protect data is present, then limiting processing of the video content.

33. (canceled).

USPTO Contact information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HOSUK SONG whose telephone number is 5712723857. The examiner can normally be reached on mon-fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, KIM VU can be reached on 5712723859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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